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CASE NO. 56/418**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application: )  
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Serial No.: 10/671,325 ) Group Art Unit: 2819  
Filed: September 25, 2003 ) Examiner: Lauture, Joseph J.  
For: PROCEDURE FOR THE )  
DETERMINATION OF AN )  
ABSOLUTE POSITION )

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of all of the references, except the cited U.S. Patents, are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449. Copies of the cited U.S. Patents are not being supplied pursuant to the amendment of the rules presented in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Official Gazette Notice dated October 12, 2004.

## **I. DISCLOSURE**

### **A. U.S. Patents**

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
4,631,519	Johnston	12/23/86
5,138,560	Lanfer et al.	08/11/92
5,754,568	Braasch	05/19/98
6,038,523	Akahane et al.	03/14/00

### **B. Foreign Patents**

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
195 06 019 A1	Germany	09/05/96
0 841 538 A1	EP	05/13/98

## **II. DISCUSSION**

### **A. U.S. Patent No. 4,613,519**

The '519 patent was designated as an A-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding European Patent Application. An A-type reference provides technical background information and is not pertinent to patentability.

### **B. U.S. Patent No. 5,138,560**

The '560 patent was designated as an A-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding European Patent Application.

### **C. U.S. Patent No. 5,754,568**

The '568 patent was designated as an A-type and D-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding European Patent Application.

### **D. German Reference No. 195 06 019**

The pertinence of the '019 reference is discussed in paragraph 0009 of the present application with respect to corresponding German reference 195 06 019 C2.

The '019 patent reference was designated as an A-type and D-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding European Patent Application.

**E. European Reference No. 0 841 538**

The '538 patent reference was designated as an A-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding European Patent Application.

**III. CONCLUSION**

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicant wishes to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicant's desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION**      **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	B2	5,138,560	08/11/92	Lanfer et al.		
	B3	5,754,568	05/19/98	Braasch		
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	B5	195 06 019 A1	09/05/96	Germany		No
	B6	0 841 538 A1	05/13/98	EP		No

**EXAMINER INITIAL**      **OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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